

# THE RANDOM UPDATE FROM EVAN WEPPLER AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY! (or \*THE\*RU\*FROM\*EW\*AT\*BU\*)

Well, to give y'all an idea of what goes on here at Baylor, here's a simple quiz for you to complete... enjoy!

- (Religion- Medium Difficulty)- Which of these was not a main Jewish sect in the first century?
  - Essenes
  - Gnostics
  - Sadducees
  - Pharisees
  - Zealots
- (Communications- Easy)- True or False- A Public Relations professional has to do a lot of writing.
- (Great Texts- Medium)- According to Aristotle, what do people look for in a friend? Choose all that apply
  - Utility/Usefulness
  - Pleasure
  - Similar interests
  - Virtue
- (Greek- Easy)- What does this word mean? ὁ λογός (hint- look at John 1:1)
- (Philosophy- Easy)- According to Descartes, \_\_\_\_\_ are really deceitful and, therefore, cannot be trusted.
  - The Senses
  - Religious texts
  - Other People
  - Scientists
- (Leadership- Hard)- Who developed the Servant Leadership Model? (hint- not Jesus)

(ANSWERS AT BOTTOM OF RU)

TRIPS HOME!- I've gone home **three times** since school started, and each visit has been great! On the first I got to go to a **football game**, saw **Mr. Bean's Holiday** with someone from school, had **lunch** with a friend, and saw people at **church**. On the second trip I got to visit CCS for a **whole school day**, had **dinner** with friends, went to **another football game**, got a fancy dinner at **Fogo De Chao** (sp?), and visited **CBC**. On the third one I rode down to Cypress with some **awesome** friends, visited at **CCS**, rode in the **CCS Parade** in the Alumni float (truckbed...), went to the **Homecoming Game**, got the **05-06 yearbook** that I had slaved over last year, went to the **Renaissance Festival** with some of my best friends, rode an **elephant**, had dinner with my **aunt and uncle**, visited a church in the **Woodlands**, saw some **CGN campers** from previous years, and spent time with some **awesome camp friends**. Thanks to all! I love getting together with friends...and I'll be home for Thanksgiving Break in a few weeks.

**Let me know if you want to hang out!**

Photos from trips home!



# CLASS UPDATES

1. **Philosophy**- We've read Shumacher, Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Pieper, Descartes, and Nietzsche. All offer different views on The Good Human Life, Happiness, and Virtue
2. **Greek**- Oh dear... so hard. I'm kind of catching up, but we move so fast it's very hard to hold on to everything. I'm definitely learning how to deal with a difficult college class.
3. **Great Texts**- We've read Homer's *Iliad*, plays by Sophocles, Plato's *Republic*, Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, and are currently in Virgil's *Aeneid*. I love reading these classics... or at least the knowledge that I am reading these classics...
4. **Leadership**- I just finished a project about Emotional Intelligent Leadership. A lot of work, but my partner and I made it fun.
5. **Communication**- We've covered Music, Newspapers, Books, Magazines, Radio, Television, Film, and are now on Public Relations. I really want to meet with my professor some time and talk about the media business and if I should get into it.
6. **Religion**- As the year went by the lessons got less and less heretical... ☺ Really though, my professor and his two TAs have made great lessons and have expanded my views on the Old and New Testaments, especially on culture and customs..

I've already signed up for Spring 2008! Here are my classes!!!!

**Production Methods**      **Intro to Ministry**      **Greek**  
**Backpacking and Camping**      **Great Texts- Medieval Tradition**  
**Servant Leadership**

# GOOD NEWS!!!

1. I was **accepted** as a member of the LEAD program for next year!!!! It means I'll either be a mentor or a LEAD Team member (the Team will exist to plan events and other stuff)
2. I got a **97** on my first Great Texts paper! This is one of my hardest classes, so it was a real encouragement!
3. I got a **100** on my recent Religion Test! (I got a 94, but then the professor gave 6 points to everyone in the class... sweetness!)
4. I've kind of **chosen a small group/Bible study** to connect with. My CL (Community Leader) on my hall leads it up and I've visited with them twice (one time we had worship out at Lake Waco Dam at night- amazing!) Anyway, we'll see.
5. It's **November!** Time sure flies by when you're... studying every day and working so hard that you don't see time flying by as it flies by... yeah.

# RANDOM...

*{Been listening to Andrew Peterson, Sara Groves, Les Miserables, Hercules, and a mix CD from a friend...} {Been watching Heroes Season 1, saw a documentary called "Genghis Blues," and am addicted to "Pushing Daisies" on ABC} {Been drinking a lot of water} {Got about 3 hours of sleep the other day...} {Went to a Halloween party the other day with my sister and friends- we dressed up as the gang from Scooby Doo- Amanda as Daphne, her roommate Kate as Velma, Kate's boyfriend Luis as Fred, me as Shaggy, and their dog as Scooby... we had cupcakes and played Apples to Apples... awesomeness} {We had Baylor Homecoming here this past weekend- got to see my parents and see my sister perform in this thing called Pigskin in which different groups put on theatrical, musical, choreographed numbers- Amanda was one of the chairs of her group so she got to help plan their performance, which was nothing short of AMAZING!} {I like this cold weather because I can trick my mind into thinking I'm in Norway}*



Well, my new hair lengths have prompted new nicknames and comments from friends and strangers alike... let me know your favorite or your own...

"Noah." "Jesus." "Moses." "Shaggy." "Santa Claus?" "Hillbilly." "Homeless." "Amish." "Abraham Lincoln." "Joseph." "Evan Almighty." "Shave off that hairy caterpillar" (from a little 4<sup>th</sup> grader at CCS). "Evan?" "Wow..." "Oh, wow, Evan! I didn't recognize you!" "Jesus 2"

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- **Greek-** It's like trying to hold a million ping-pong balls at once- I can't hold on to every little thing... if only I had a net... still, I've started working with my friend Star on it...
- **Friends-** I've been meeting with different people from time to time... I'm still trying to figure out who really meshes with me, you know?
- **Church-** I've decided to stop scanning for now and just try out a place and start getting involved. It's most likely either Antioch Christian Church or Highland Baptist Church. Both have good Children's Ministries where I could intern for my Ministry class and seem like good, God-focused, Christ-centered, others-loving communities
- **Health-** It's so hard to eat healthy when you have all this food everywhere. Delicious Pizza. FREE BLUE BELL ICE CREAM! All sorts of goodies, but in the end, they aren't good-- good for me that is. But I'm going to start exercising more and more... really!
- **TV-** Now I just watch it on the Internet. Heroes, Prison Break, The Office, Pushing Daisies, Scrubs, House, and My Name is Earl.... but I really try to only watch when I know I have time, so... yeah. Still, I'm trying to break the addiction.
- **Facebook (and the rest of the Internet)-** I really do believe that Facebook is a good thing... however, it provides an alternate reality, and you can just stay on Facebook and think you're building relationships, but you're really not...

Certain thoughts that have been hitting me lately...

- ☞ **I'm never living in this life...** I always am focused on my future life, my past life, my "fake" life through Facebook, or other lives through TV or movies. I'm very escapist. I just want to leave the regular life and skip to my ideal life- unfortunately, that's not what God calls us to do. He calls us to live holy lives "in the world." I need to stay where I am and stop relying on my fake lives and just live this life...
- ☞ **I like Plato and Aristotle.** We've read them in Great Texts, Philosophy, and Religion. I really love Plato's thoughts on the parts of the soul. Now don't worry- I'm not promoting compartmentalization... The soul/person is one person- but it does have three parts... it's just that Plato (and Aristotle) divide the human soul/person into three parts: the rational mind, the emotions/appetite, and the spirited/glory-seeking part. It's interesting. You see, problems usually occur when people try to get what they want (appetite) or seek personal glory (spirited)- these guys say that justice (right living) can only occur when the rational mind helps (not dominates) the other parts and keeps them in check. Just think about that for a while.... And what might happen if God consumed each part...?
- ☞ **When people ask me "What do you like to do?" I don't know what to say.** I can say my ideal "likes," the things I would like to do more: read, write, compose, get out in nature... I can say what I do when I have free time: go on facebook, sleep, watch TV, check my email... but then I see that what I like to do is not what I do... it's crazy. My lazy, simple side takes over me when I have free time and tells me to do stupid things that don't last... It's like I have to trick my mind into choosing the things that are really important... which is really true in many areas of life...
- ☞ We try to build buildings and stay inside because if we spend too much time outside in nature, under the stars, we realize that God is real, He is big, and we are small... we try to build our own universes while ignoring the Universe and the Maker of the Universe...

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- **I'll be home November 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Can't wait...**
- **Hope God is good on your side. He's good on mine. I'm not always in line with His will, but He's working on me...**
- **I covet your prayers. Let me know any prayers you have.**

**"...GRACE AND PEACE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE" - 1 PETER 1:2B  
AMEN!**

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